TIZZ'S BEST 22

ROUND 1, 2020

31 HENDERSON

26 SHIELS

18 CEGLAR

11 NASH

NICK'S BEST 22

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2020 UNIVERSAL FIXTURE

HAWTHORN FC
BOX HILL HAWKS
HAWTHORN VFLW

R1	Sun, Mar 22, 15:20	vs Bris	MCG
R2	Sun, Mar 29, 18:20	vs Bris	Optus Stadium
R1	Fr, Apr 3, 18:00	vs Coll	Holden Centre
R3	Sat, Apr 4, 13:45	vs Coll	MCG
R2	Mon, Apr 13, 12:00	vs Gee	MCG
R4	Mon, Apr 13, 15:20	vs Gee	MCG (R)
R3	Sun, Apr 19, 12:00	vs Blues	Marvel
R5	Sun, Apr 19, 15:20	vs Carl	Marvel
R6	Sat, Apr 25, 13:10	vs WCE	UTAS
R4	Sun, Apr 26, 14:00	vs FFC	Box Hill C.O.
R7	Sat, May 2, 19:25	vs WB	Marvel (R)
R5	-		
R1	Sun, May 10, 13:00	vs NM	Arden Street
R6	Sun, May 10, 13:20	vs NM	Marvel
R8	Sun, May 10, 16:40	vs NM	Marvel
R2	Sat, May 16, 11:30	vs Will	Box Hill C.O.
R7	Sat, May 16, 14:00	vs Will	Box Hill C.O.
R9	Sat, May 16, 19:25	vs Syd	MCG
R3	Sat, May 23, 11:30	vs WB	Box Hill C.O.
R8	Sat, May 23, 14:00	vs Foots.	Box Hill C.O.
R10	Sat, May 23, 13:45	vs Port	UTAS
R11	Fri, May 29, 19:50	vs Melb	MCG
R9	Sat, May 30, 14:00	vs Casey	Box Hill C.O.
R4	Sat, May 30, 14:00	vs D'bin	Bill Lawry Oval
R5	Sat, June 6, 11:30	vs Carl	Box Hill C.O.
R10	Sat, June 6, 14:00	vs Werr	Avalon Airport
R12	Sat, June 6, 16:35	vs GCS	Metricon
R13	Fri, June 12, 19:50	vs Gee	MCG
R11	Sat, June 13, 14:00	vs Gee	Box Hill C.O.
R6	Sun, June 14, 11:30	vs Will	Downer Oval
R14	BYE		
R12	BYE		
R7	BYE		
R15	Thurs, June 25, 19:20	vs Bris	Gabba
R8	Sat, June 27, 11:30	vs Saints	Box Hill C.O.
R13	Sat, June 27, 14:00	vs Zebras	Box Hill C.O.
R16	Thurs, July 2, 19:20	vs Ess	Marvel
R9	Sat, July 4, 11:30	vs Ess	Windy Hill
R14	Sat, July 4, 14:00	vs Ess	Windy Hill
R10	Sat, July 11, 12:00	vs Gee	Deakin Uni
R15	Sat, July 11, 14:00	vs Blues	Ikon Park
R17	Sat, July 11, 14:10	vs NM	UTAS
R11	Sat, July 18, 11:30	vs Darebin	Box Hill C.O.
R16	Sat, July 18, 14:00	vs P.Melb	Box Hill C.O.
R18	Sat, July 18, 13:45	vs GWS	MCG
R19	Fri, July 24, 19:20	vs Power	Adelaide Oval
R17	-		
R12	BYE		
R13	Sat, Aug 1, 11:30	vs Casey	Casey Fields
R18	Sat, Aug 1, 14:00	vs Casey	Casey Fields
R20	Sat, Aug 1, 19:25	vs St.K	Marvel (R)
R21	Sat, Aug 8, 16:35	vs Adel	UTAS
R14	Sun, Aug 9, 11:30	vs Ess	Box Hill C.O.
R19	Sun, Aug 9, 14:00	vs WFC	Box Hill C.O.
R15	Sat, Aug 15, 14:00	vs Rich	Punt Road Oval
R20	Sun, Aug 16, 12:00	vs Rich	MCG
R22	Sun, Aug 16, 15:20	vs Rich	MCG (R)
R16	Sat, Aug 22, 11:30	vs Coll	Box Hill C.O.
R21	Sat, Aug 22, 14:00	vs Coburg	Highgate Res.
R23	TBA	vs Syd	SCG

2020 GHOST FIXTURE WITH TIZZ

The Ghost fixture illustrates how tough our opponents will have it, particularly in their lead up to playing Hawthorn. It's a quick guide as to how teams will be feeling when they meet us.

Round	Date	Recovery Time	Opponent	Venue	H/A	Local Time	Ghost Fixture
1	Sun, March 22		Brisbane	MCG	H	3.20pm	
2	Sun, March 29	-1	Fremantle	OS	A	3.20pm	Essendon (A)
3	Sat, April 4	-4	Collingwood	MCG	H	1.45pm	Richmond (H)
4	Mon April 13	1	Geelong	MCG	A	3.20pm	West Coast (A)
5	Sun, April 19	0	Carlton	Marvel	H	3.20pm	Sydney (A)
6	Sat, April 25	-1.5	West Coast	UTAS	H	1.10pm	Richmond (H)
7	Sat, May 2	1	WB	Marvel	A	7.25pm	Port Adelaide (A)
8	Sun, May 10	2	NM	Marvel	A	4.40pm	Sydney (A)
9	Sat, May 16	0	Sydney	MCG	H	7.25pm	West Coast (A)
10	Sat, May 23	0	Port Adelaide	UTAS	H	1.45pm	Brisbane (H)
11	Fri, May 29	1	Melbourne	MCG	H	7.50pm	WB (H)
12	Sat, June 6	2	Gold Coast	Metricon	A	4.35pm	Essendon (A)
13	Fri, June 12	-8	Geelong Cats	MCG	H	7.50pm	Bye
14	Bye	0					
15	Thurs, June 25	8	Brisbane	Gabba	A	7.20pm	Melbourne (H)
16	Thurs, July 2	0	Essendon	Marvel	A	7.20pm	WB (A)
17	Sat, July 11	3.5	NM	UTAS	H	2.10pm	GWS (H)
18	Sat, July 18	1	GWS	MCG	H	1.45pm	Essendon (H)
19	Fri, July 24	0	Port Adelaide	AO	A	6.50pm	Sydney (A)
20	Sat, August 1	2	St Kilda	Marvel	A	7.25pm	Brisbane (A)
21	Sat, August 8	-1.5	Adelaide	UTAS	H	4.35pm	Richmond (H)
22	Sun, August 16	1	Richmond	MCG	A	3.20pm	Carlton (A)
23	TBC	-1	Sydney	SCG	A	TBC	Essendon (A)

Richmond, West Coast and Sydney will determine the form and energy levels of eight of our opponents over the course of the season. On three occasions, Hawthorn's ghost opponent will meet Richmond the week prior. This is the case for Collingwood, Adelaide and West Coast. Speaking of West Coast, both Sydney and Geelong return from WA to play Hawthorn, having faced the Eagles. Meanwhile, three teams - Carlton, North Melbourne and Port Adelaide - will meet Hawthorn having played Sydney on their home turf.

Meeting Collingwood after they have played the Dogs then the Tigers in six days bodes well. They'll be under a lot of pressure. The Easter Monday clash will be on the back of the Cats traveling to WA to meet Tim Kelly. And something for Nick to relish: we'll meet the 'Roos after a trip to WA for WCE, followed up by a GWS clash before us.

It's important to consider the turnaround times between games and I've calculated relative recovery times in days. It takes into account travel between venues and the number of days break between rounds. Regarding Rounds 6 and 21, we'll probably see Clarko make some changes to the ease loading in the engine room, and give players time to get their bodies right.

OPPOSITION WATCH

aka. A BRIEF LOOK AT HAWTHORN'S RIVALS AND THEIR CHANCES

ADELAIDE
Tizz: Nicks takes over this year, and the task is cultural change. Expect little attacking flair.
Nick: Zero expectations. The total reset has begun.

BRISBANE
Tizz: Much harder fixture this year will see a banged-up list reach finals.
Nick: It'll be tough for the Lions but they won't fall away badly as some have predicted.

CARLTON
Tizz: The Cripps show. Brownlows before Cups.
Nick: I'm concerned they've turned a corner.

COLLINGWOOD
Tizz: Nearly there again, stumbling into finals. Pendles extremely important, yet again.
Nick: The Pies will likely challenge again, but won't win it all.

ESSENDON
Tizz: Are they tanking?
Nick: Not finals bound, and wouldn't win one anyway.

FREMANTLE
Tizz: Expect big upsets and the purple haze getting carried away with itself. Grimace.
Nick: They'll hover outside the eight, I reckon.

GEELONG
Tizz: Last year was their chance. They let it slip. I don't see them being the better for it.
Nick: So keen for them to slide finally. They will.

GOLD COAST
Tizz: There'll be times when they back themselves and surpise some teams. Look out, Port!
Nick: They'll improve. Of course they will. The bar is low.

GWS
Tizz: Stung into insanely good footy in 2020. Changes to forward movement? Look out.
Nick: Not as good as last year. (see: severe PTSD)

MELBOURNE
Tizz: I'm climbing on this bandwagon in the hope my added weight sees it breakdown.
Nick: Well, it couldn't get much worse. They'll make some gains this year.

NORTH MELBOURNE
Tizz: A good mix in the list. An unexpected threat to top four if the forward line peaks..
Nick: Some sneaky upset wins would be typical North. Not a contender though.

PORT POWER
Tizz: Powell-Pepper finally struts his stuff. Fall short of finals due to losses to GCS.
Nick: The least dependable team in the comp remains that way. Oh, the irony!

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RICHMOND
Tizz: They'll start well, then fade away. 2019 in reverse.
Nick: Nothing to suggest they won't be the ones to chase.

ST.KILDA
Tizz: They're back baby, with no expectations and Ratten at the helm. All fun at Moorabbin!
Nick: Expecting massive improvement. Pushing for the eight.

SYDNEY
Tizz: Like a soccer club clinging on to avoid relegation, it's the survivor mindset in Sydney.
Nick: The rebuild continues. Not expecting too much.

WEST COAST
Tizz: Structured. Mature. Hungry? Expectations will weigh heavily with Kelly there now.
Nick: An easy lock for finals. Probably top four.

WESTERN BULLDOGS
Tizz: All talk, no follow-through. They'll have a style that doesn't suit their list in 2020.
Nick: I think they'll go close this year. Will be tough to stop.

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